



# MCGHEE TYSON ANG BASE FAMILY PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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**MCGHEE TYSON FAMILY DAY**  
**SATURDAY UTA**  
**DEC 07, 2002**



**0800HRS- ROLL CALL/SECTION OPEN HOUSE:** Families are encouraged to come to Roll Call. They can attend all activities for the entire day.

**0900HRS- BASE WIDE COMMANDER'S CALL, WILSON HALL (134<sup>TH</sup>, 228<sup>TH</sup> 119<sup>TH</sup>, TEC & BAND):** Again, families are encouraged to attend. (A man in a Red Suit will make a special appearance).

**1000HRS- ACTIVITIES/LUNCH:** Families eat Free. (Please observe the designated lunch schedule)

**\*ACTIVITIES WILL BE IN THE ORANGE HANGER, FLIGHTLINE, MEMORIAL PARK (NEXT TO 134<sup>TH</sup> HQS), AND DINING FACILITY.**

**\*PLANNED ACTIVITIES BUT: Santa, Pictures with Santa and gift, Static Displays/Tours (KC-135, Helicopter, CAP Plane), cookie decorating, putt-putt, basketball, ring-toss, moon walk, football, treasure hunt, fire truck rides, visit with Sparky, puppet show, clowns, child seat safety clinic, child finger printing, cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn. All food and activities are FREE!  
Video Conferencing with families & deployed members.**

**1:45PM- All ACTIVITIES WILL END. PROCEED TO THE 134<sup>TH</sup> HQS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING.**

**2:00PM- TREE LIGHTING (IT'S HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT ALL BASE PERSONNEL ATTEND THE END OF THE DAY EVENT).**

#### New Readiness Website for Guard/Reserve

Families of Guard and Reserve members can now obtain Quality-of-life support information over the Internet to resolve issues while sponsors are away. The American Forces Press Service reports that a Family Readiness Tool Kit is available on the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Website (<http://defenselink.mil/ra>). The tool kit will list websites and toll-free numbers for medical & pay assistance, financial mgt tips and other information. The site will also contain sample checklists that describes tasks families should accomplish before sponsors deploy.

Mr. Peter Bush, of Bush Builders, has volunteered his company's services to offer, free or at reduced rates, emergency home repair for deployed troops. Each case would be on a case-by-case basis. For any emergency home repair that would arise while deployed, someone from his business would come out and correct the problem. This program is a pilot program and is only available to residents of Sevier and Cocke counties, being that is where he is licensed. Once this program kicks off, he hopes it will spread to surrounding counties, in particular Knox and Blount. Any questions or for more information, please call Bush Construction Co at 453-8376.

The McGhee Tyson Family Readiness Group is once again sponsoring our annual "Angel Tree" event. You have the opportunity to help a less fortunate child this holiday season by picking an "Angel" from the Angel Tree, located at the 134<sup>th</sup> Dining Hall. The Angel will identify whether the child is a boy or girl, their age and their wish. Simply place the wrapped gift under the tree with the Angel attached. All gifts must be returned by 8 Dec 02 so they can be distributed before Christmas. We hope you will share the gift of giving.

#### THE MCGHEE TYSON FAMILY READINESS GROUP OFFICERS

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Lisa Dearing

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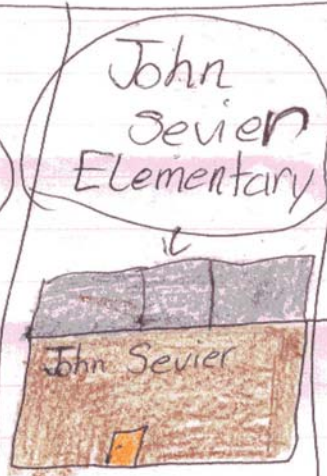
Dear Airman Steven, on Halloween I am going to be a cheerleader. My brother is going to be a football player.

I am now a girl scout. In girl scouts we do stuff like planting flowers, sailing cookies, and have a lot of fun.

I go to John Sevier Elementary.

I have a pool, a cat and a big bike, and a cool house

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The Junior Girl Scouts at Troop 663 (Foothills Unit) recently sent letters and donations to our Security Force members that are currently deployed overseas.

# **MISSION READINESS THRU FAMILY READINESS**

BY MSGT STEVE LATHAM  
FAMILY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Deployments are a fact of military life. Our nation's military works around the world and around the clock. Deployments can make physical and emotional demands on the service member, spouse, children and relatives. Concerns about loved ones, financial matters, legal matters and medical problems are some of the things on our minds when we are separated due to a deployment. What if the car breaks down or the hot water heater stops working. Will your spouse or family member know who to call? During mobilization or deployments, the Family Readiness Group (FRG) and the military works together to see that families get what they need. Military members are better able to concentrate on their duties, when they don't have to worry about family matters that have already been taken care of. To be concerned is natural, but unnecessary worrying can make the separation even more stressful. Family readiness is the key. Some things that you can do are: Checking smoke detectors and replacing batteries; making sure appliances are in good working order; ensuring automobiles are in good repair; having a list of people to contact for household repairs (plumber, electrician, mechanic, etc.)

Our Family Program Office can help by providing personal readiness checklists; providing referrals ( Red Cross, chaplain/legal service, counseling, etc); activating our "Telephone Tree" (a quick reliable way to relay information from family to family by phone- or to just keep in touch); and utilizing our video phones (allows the member to talk to and see their family).

So what is the National Guard Family Program? It's a special program designed to enhance National Guard Readiness, Retention and Quality of Life by:

1. Making families aware of their importance to the Air National Guard and to the success of its mission.
2. Notifying families of available benefits, entitlements and services.
3. Supporting families regardless of their need, in military and civilian settings.

Family Readiness Groups are comprised of volunteers who care about the military family.  
They are NOT social clubs.

Who can belong to a Family Readiness Group? Anyone interested in the military and its members; Spouses, parents, friends/relatives, retired military members, members of the community and military members themselves. Your FRG depends on volunteer energy.

For more information or assistance, please contact the Family Program Office at (865) 985-3260 or 1-800-524-5735.

**PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SURVEY  
TO HELP US BETTER SERVE OUR GUARD FAMILIES !**

# FAMILY PROGRAM SURVEY

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR STATUS- SPOUSE\_\_\_\_FAMILY MEMBER\_\_\_\_MILITARY MEMBER\_\_\_\_OTHER\_\_\_\_

MILITARY MEMBER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE- (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE- (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

1. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY READINESS GROUP (FRG) YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

2. HAVE YOU HAD A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WITH OUR FRG ?

YES\_\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. HAS OUR FRG HELPED YOU OR YOUR FAMILY?

YES\_\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

4. WHAT OTHER SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OUR FRG PROVIDE?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR FRG NEWSLETTER AT HOME BY E-MAIL?

YES\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PROVIDE E-MAIL ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_\_

6. WOULD YOU LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING OUR FRG?

YES\_\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN TO: 134 ARW/DPMH  
134 BRISCOE DR, MCGHEE TYSON ANG BASE, TN 37777-6201



